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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT INITIATED REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER

and

REQUEST TO ENTER AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Application No.: 10/814,519

Title: Valve for Winterizing a Pool)
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This is a first reply to the Final Office Action in the above-identified application and is being filed within 2 months of the date of mailing of the Final Office Action.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

It is requested that the Examiner cancel claims 21-28, 34 and 35, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 (b) (1).

Applicant requests that the Examiner admit the amendments proposed herein to claims 29-33. (37 CFR 1.116 (b) (3)). The proposed amendments are necessary to distinguish the invention over Plotsky et al. (5,577,274), the primary reference cited by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. Specifically, the proposed amendment to independent claims 29 and 32 specifies that the hose